

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Enfield Room of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL-CALL** –Present were Councilors Arnone, Edgar, Kaupin, Lee, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Deni and Hall were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Assistant Town Manager of Development Services, Courtney Hendricson; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki

**DISCUSSION RE: FACILITIES PLAN**

Councilor Mangini questioned how many items are now planned for the referendum. Mr. Coppler stated there will be three referendum questions as follows:

1. Energy Performance Contracting
2. Water Pollution Control
3. Facilities Plan

Chairman Kaupin stated the Facilities item is the only item that actually costs money. He noted Energy Performance Contracting pays for itself, because they'd be saving on the utilities side to pay for improvements. He stated the Water Pollution Control item is already funded through the sewer use fee. It was agreed that this would have to be made very clear.

Mr. Kennedy stated he will be providing public information. He noted bond counsel is willing to work with the Town to create a mailer that could be sent to residents, and this would strictly be an informational mailer on each of the three projects.

Councilor Szewczak questioned what will be happening with Fermi High School, and Chairman Kaupin stated that is one of their decision points, however, the Board of Education has not made a decision as yet.

Mr. Coppler stated if the Board of Education decided to keep the Fermi building, it would have to be used for education, and that would mean \$30 to \$40 million dollars worth of renovations.

Councilor Lee stated his understanding a large segment of these referendum items are maintenance related things, and he questioned if there's a prioritization of these items. Mr. Coppler stated this breaks down to about an \$80 million dollar referendum with \$62 million dollars as referendum type projects; \$20 million dollars as CIP type projects and \$2.2 million dollars for maintenance and repairs.

Councilor Lee stated there are issues at Fermi, and those issues will be on-going, i.e., the varsity and pool locker rooms and bathroom facilities. Mr. Kennedy stated the cost is about \$1.3 million dollars to address the varsity and pool locker rooms.

Councilor Arnone stated he doesn't understand why they'd leave Fermi out of this because no matter what, something has to be done with that building. Mr. Coppler stated no matter what the use becomes for Fermi, the roof has to be addressed.

Councilor Stokes referred to Fermi and stated until the Board of Education makes a decision on that building, it will be difficult to give the public a clear picture. He went on to note there's a different rate of reimbursement for schools, therefore, he would rather not spend money in an area where the Town could have actually saved money. He pointed out that no matter what they do with that building, they will need a referendum whether it's a school or library.

Councilor Szewczak stated her belief Fermi should be pulled out of the referendum, but it should be made clear that they want to look at the best use of that building.

It was the consensus of the Council to leave Fermi out of this referendum.

Mr. Coppler noted this now brings the total spending figure to \$38.3 million dollars. He noted a lot goes into determining what is reimbursable, and that is another big issue.

Councilors Szewczak and Lee stated something should be done regarding the condition of the Fermi High School locker rooms. Mr. Coppler stated there are things that can be done cosmetically in the interim.

Councilor Lee stated the public should know this is a ten-year plan to update, renovate and bring buildings into compliance.

Mr. Kennedy stated this facilities plan does not include female locker rooms at the Enfield Police Department.

Mr. Coppler stated the Enfield Police Department was never built to house the number of personnel it has now. He noted in order to address the locker room needs, they'd have to relocate the locker room area. He added they can look to see if there are other alternatives to address this issue.

Discussion followed regarding library needs, and it was agreed this relates to what is decided for the Fermi building.

There was a consensus to pull out of the referendum the HVAC component for the police department pending a referendum that will address complete needs of the police department.

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #3201** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3201** adopted 7-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:30 p.m.